INEBRIATE HOSPITAL.

A BY-LAW, empowering the Council to expend a sum of money for the purpose of establishing in this city a Hospital for Inebriates, to be submitted to the Electorate on Monday, January 7th, 1889. That the fullest sympathy and support may be accorded to this measure, the following facts are submitted for consideration.

Chronic alcoholic drunkenness is a self-induced disease of the brain and nervous system, manifesting itself in an irresistible craving for alcoholic drinks.

This disease is amenable to medical treatment, and, where so treated, curable in like proportion to other diseases. This has been amply proved where hospitals for dipsomaniacs have been long established. Many in this city can testify to the benefits received in such institutions, though such benefits have at present to be sought abroad.

There is unfortunately a large and continually increasing number of dipsomaniacs in this city, as also elsewhere, and, to say nothing of the moral aspect, the usual method of dealing with such by arrest, fine, and imprisonment, tends to confirm them in their habit, and to intensify the disease.

The money expended by our present method of arresting, trying and imprisoning the habitual drunkard, will largely, if not entirely, be sufficient to support the institution contemplated. Economy and humanity demand the establishment.

No such institution exists in Canada that is available for the poor and the friendless.

The electors are asked to earnestly consider these facts, and to record their votes accordingly.

On behalf of the Committee,

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P.S.—All ministers of religion are requested to bring the purport of this circular before their congregations next Lord's day.